

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 702

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jeremy Kane, founder and former CEO of LEAD Public Schools.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to Jeremy Kane who, by mortgaging his house to found LEAD Academy and working tirelessly for the last eight years, created more than four hundred new teaching and staff positions to serve more than twelve hundred students in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, today the schools that comprise LEAD Public Schools include LEAD Academy Middle and High School, Cameron College Prep, Brick Church College Prep, and LEAD Prep Southeast; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Kane founded LEAD on the audacious goal of graduating 100% of his students and gaining acceptance for them to a four-year college, and seven years later, he has achieved that mission with every LEAD Academy High School senior gaining acceptance into a four-year college or university; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Kane fulfilled the intent of the original public charter school legislation to create schools that could be “laboratories of learning” by partnering with Metro Nashville Public Schools, the Cameron Alumni Association, neighborhood community groups, and Cameron parents and teachers to create the only direct partnership between a public school district and public charter school to transform Cameron Middle School; and

WHEREAS, his commitment to partnering with Metro Nashville Public Schools, non-profits, churches, parents, and community members in a positive and inspiring way serves to remind us of the power of building a strong, inter-dependent community focused on kids; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Kane grew up in Nashville, attended Nashville’s finest public and independent schools, and is a public high school graduate who, after attending Stanford

University on a swimming and academic scholarship, returned home to Nashville to serve his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that on behalf of the parents, teachers, and community members who have been inspired by his work, including those in this body, we hereby commend and honor Jeremy Kane for his personal commitment to the students, parents, and teachers of Nashville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.